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Then ſaid I, Wiſdom is better than Strength. Eccleſ. ix. [illegible]

WHEN I publiſhed in the laſt Gazette a Diſcourſe upon *Fortune*, I conceived, that every reaſonable Man would have acquieſced therein; but contrary to this Conception, I find, that one of my Readers, offended at the Fable of a *ſpeaking Aſs*, declaims in Derogation of *Wiſdom* and *Induſtry*. I decline however to conteſt with him, and for the Encouragement of my Correſpondents, give his Letter a Place in this Paper, leaving it to the Judgment and Cenſure of the Publick.

Mr. Timothy,

I'm one of your Readers, therefore deſire you'll inſert the incloſ'd in your next, and you'll oblige your Encourager and humble Servant.

SIR,

IN reading your laſt Saturday's Paper, I was not a little ſurpris'd to find an *Aſs* poſted in the Front; but more ſo, when I found he had been train'd up in human Learning; he may thank his good *Fortune* that directed him to ſo good a *Tutor*. I profeſs I've read in ſome old Hiſtory of an *Aſs* ſpeaking, but never of one that had the Advantage of Writing. But how he was taught to hold his *Penn*, I can't conceive; be that as it will, I'm ſure his *Tutor* never inſtructed him in the Knowledge of *Creeds*, or elſe would not be ſo ignorant of the Terms; and if he was, he hath certainly loſt it by graſing with *Nebuchad-nezzar*, among the Beaſts of the Field. He's an Enemy I perceive to *Providence*, good Reaſon for it. What can be expected from an *Aſs*? *Wiſdom* and *Induſtry* are it ſeems the grand Idols whom he adores: I'm afraid he'll find himſelf an Aſs ſtill, if he lean too much on them. I'm no Enemy to either, provided he'll ſtrip them of their falſe *Divinity*. However, I will for once Endeavour to undeceive our rational *Aſs*, and tell him, that it would be his Wiſdom to know, that *the Race is not to the Swift, nor the Battle to the Strong, neither yet Bread to the Wiſe, nor yet Riches to Men of Underſtanding*.—Induſtry and Prayer are two excellent Things, and ought to go Hand in Hand; therefore what God hath join'd together, let no Man preſume to put aſunder. You may row and toil your ſelf all Day, and your Induſtry prove fruitleſs; without the concurrent Aid of divine *Providence* ſtep in to aſſiſt you. You may bray and ſnuff as an Aſs againſt *Providence*, yet that will ſtand immoveable, when your *Pagan* Fortune like *Dagon* fall to the Ground before it. Renounce and forſake the brutiſh Part; become one of *us*, exerciſe your reaſonable Power, improve them to better Purpoſes; draw your *Penn*, and ſheath it in the Blood of *Vice* and *Immorality* that are ſo Predominant: And I'll aſſure you will be one of your *Allies*, againſt the common Enemy of God and Man.

Adieu.

Of Gaming.

The *antient Gaming* was inſtituted by the *Civil Power*, who thought, that under a proper Regulation it might not only be a private Amuſement, but a publick Benefit. The *Olympick Games* of *Greece* were deſign'd merely to promote *Honour* and *Exerciſe*, and therefore a *Pine Wreath* or a *Parſley*

Parſley Garland fully ſatisfied their Deſires: In proceſs of Time, indeed, they who were moſt ſucceisful had *Penſions* from the *Publick* for Life, but yet their *Gaming* was not to be blam'd, as the Inſtitution was noble, and the Intent good, Happy had it been for Mankind had their Diverſions continu'd in the ſame Courſe of *Innocence* and *Simplicity*; but as the Ages grew more corrupt, inſtead of *playing* for ſome Reward due to their *Merit*, Men made the whole Intent of their *Gaming* to be *Lucre*, From an inordinate *Avarice*, what ſhou'd have been an *Amuſement* grew into a *ſcandalous Art*; and, from a Pretence of avoiding being intirely *idle*, they became intirely *wicked*.

Two Things the moſt conducive to the *Life* and *Well-Being* of Men, are *Time* and *Treaſure*, and of both theſe *Gaming* deprives them: For they who are infatuated with an Itch of *Play*, cannot be quiet without it; it is the *Ignis Fatuus* which ſtill allures them on to Deſtruction. A Man who loves *Gaming* may think it a ſufficient Excuſe that every Man has ſome *one Folly*, and *that* is his; and if he indulges himſelf at *Play*, to make amends, he is neither a *Drunkard*, or a *Whoremaſter*: But let me tell him that in his *own ſingle Vice* he has all the Inconveniencies of the other two: He who is a *Cully* to a *Gaming Table* may as well be one to a *Harlot*; he minds as fondly ſome lucky Spots on the Dice as the other cou'd dotingly admire the alluring Eyes of a Woman: For that, he neglects all other Occaſions; his *Buſineſs*, his *Friends*, his *Children* and his *Wife*: and tho' he mayn't be extoxicated with *Wine*, he does at *Play* what the *Drunkard* does at *Drinking*; plays down the *Evening Star*, and plays up the *Morning* one: The Sun may make his Circuit round the World, and yet find him in the ſame Room and at the ſame Table, with the ſame earneſt Looks, and the ſame Anxiety at his Heart. And to what Purpoſe is all this? To be a *Loſer* if he ſhou'd even *win*: For if he wins, it makes him wanton with his good Fortune, and enters him into new Ways of Extravagance, which makes Prodigality habitual, and Poverty the almoſt certain Conſequence.

There is a Folly in this Vice which makes it exceed all others, that is, there is no ſenſible natural Pleaſure in the *Action* of it; for what Pleaſure can it convey to the *Ear* or to the *Eye*, to hear two Pieces of Bone rattle together in a Box, or to ſee a Square run round, and the Fortune we are poſſeſs'd of flung into a Lottery to try whether we ſhall hold it any longer or not.

I ſhou'd think it a proper Antidote to this Malady, for any one to be a Witneſs of what *Heats*, what *Fears*, what *Diſorders*, what *Madneſs* and *Vexation* an *unlucky Hand* at *Play* plunges ſome Men into; ſure they wou'd never hazard their own Peace of Mind to run the Danger of ſuch *Phrenzies* by playing, which diſcompoſe the whole Frame of our Nature, and render *Men* incapable of their *Reaſon*, their *Honour* and *Humanity*. What Miſchiefs does it not produce? What a Chain of the worſt Ills immediately flow from it? From a *Chagrin* it raiſes *Anger*, from *Anger* flow *Oaths*, *Imprecations*, *Rage*; from *Rage*, *Injuries*, *Quarrels*, *Wounds* and *Death*.

As ſevere as I may ſeem againſt *Gaming*, I am not an Enemy to Recreations; the Cares and Labours of the World require them; but all that I wou'd have Mankind to beware of is, that they wou'd not make their *Recreation* a Kind of *Trade*, but to *play* for no more than they may looſe with *Content*, and without *Prejudice* to *themſelves* or *others*.

CHARLES-TOWN, *July* 23.

On Wedneſday laſt departed this Life at his Plantation on *John's* Iſland *Paul Jenys* Eſq; an eminent Merchant of this Town, and one of the greateſt Dealers in the Province, his great Abilities cauſed him to be choſen Speaker of the Hon^ble. the Houſe of Commons of the late Aſſembly, of which Station and Truſt he acquitted himſelf with great Applauſe of all his Friends, by whom he is very much regretted.

Laſt Thurſday *John Hammerton* Eſq; Receiver General of his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, Secretary, and one of his Majeſty's Honourable Council, who has been the firſt Maſter of the Lodge of the ancient and honourable Society of Free-Maſons in this Place, and intending to embark on board the Ship Molly Galley, *John Carruthers* Maſter, for *London*, at a Lodge held that Evening, reſign'd his Office, for the true and faithful Diſcharge of which he received the Thanks of the whole Society, who were 30 in Number. JAMES GRÆME Eſq; was then unanimouſly choſen Maſter in his room, and having been duly inſtall'd into that Office

fice with the usual Ceremonies, was pleased to chuse and appoint *James Wright* Esq; who was Junior Warden to be Senior Warden, and *Maurice Lewis* Esq; Junior Warden.

On Monday last *George Haig* Esq; received a Commission of Justice of the Peace for *Berkley* County, and was qualified accordingly.

We hear that not long since *John Abbot*, of Little-River in *Craven* County, embarked in a Boat with his Wife, Child, a Blacksmith with his Daughter and 10 Negroes, and several Goods and Effects, in order to go off this Province, and to defraud his Creditors, and being arriv'd at the Mouth of *New*-River in *North-Carolina*, he came to an Anchor, but the Breakers running very high, the Boat fill'd, whereby his Wife, Child, the white Man, his Daughter and 6 Negroes were drowned; the other 4 Negroes were seized, & he left to make his Escape by himself.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Charlestown,

Entred inwards,

Ship Pine-Apple, David Hallowe from Angola.
Sloop May-Flower, John Anderson from Providence.

Entred out,

Snow Unity, Lazarus Ozenham for Bristol.
Sloop Sarah, John Colcock for Boston.

Clear'd for Departure.

Ship Molley Galley, John Carruthers to London.
—— Winter Galley, John Truman to North-Carolina.

EXPORTED from this PLACE since *Nov.* 1, 1736.

Rice 41820 Barrels, & 519 Bags. Pitch 10449. Tarr 6800 Turpentine 3609 Whereof 6566 Barrels & 273 Bags of Rice to the Southward of *Cape Finisterra*.

PRICES of the following GOODS

Rice None.	Tar per Bar 37 *s.* 6 *d.*
Pitch *per* Bar. 47 *s.* 6 *d.*	ditto from green Trees 50 *s.*
Corn per B. 30 *s.*	Turpentine 7 *s.* 6 d.
Skins 18 *s*	

TO BE SOLD on Wednesday the 27th Instant by *Josi. Wragg* & Comp. a choice Parcel of Slaves, imported in the Ship *Pine-Apple*, *David Hallowe* Commander from *Angola*.

N B. *Great Regard will be had for present Pay*

THE Goods, Medecines and Effects of the late Doct *John Turner* deceased, will be exposed to sale at publick Vendue, on Friday the 29th Instant, about 10 in the Morning, at his late Dwelling-house near *Union-street* in *Charlestown*.

ALL PERSONS indebted to me, either at the Store of Rum-Bluff, or at that over *Santee* River, are hereby desired to pay their respective Debts immediately after sight hereof. I doubt not but all my Debtors are acquainted with the undeserved Treatment I have met with, having been confin'd in Prison at an unreasonable Time, for a Debt contracted in *October* last, for Goods to settle that Store over *Santee*-River; therefore desire all those who do not discharge their respective Debts, which were due in *March* last, cannot complain of ill usage, when in case of Non-payment they will be dealt with immediately after this Notice given, in the same Manner. And whereas I am fully resolved to break up Store-keeping the 25th *March* next ensuing, the Goods now in the said Store at Rum Bluff, both wet and dry, will be sold at a very reasonable Rate; and any Person inclinable to go out with an Indian trading Cargo, shall be furnished with an Assortment of very good Goods and at a reasonable Rate. *Joseph Dowding*.

A Very good House-Wench, that understands Cooking, Washing and Ironing extraordinary well, as may be known by several Persons where she has been at Work in this Town; also a young Wench grown and brought up to House-work, to be sold; enquire of the Printer hereof.

GENTLEMEN may be supplied with Land-shapes for Chimney Pieces of all Sizes: Likewise Draughts of their Houses in Colours or Indian Ink, by *B. Roberts*.

All Persons that have any Demands on the Estate of Coll. *Gabriel Bernard* deceased, are requested to bring in their Accounts to his Executor *Samuel Prioleau* in *Charlestown*, that proper Methods may be taken for discharging the same so soon as possible, and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are desired to pay the same by the 1st Day of *September* next.

All Persons indebted to the Estate of *Thomas Bolem* deceased in *George*-Town, are hereby desired to pay their respective Debts to *Susannah Bolem* Executrix, or the Rev. Mr. *John Fordyce*, Executor of the said Estate, within 3 Months time, to whom those that have any Demands may apply for Payment. The House where the said *Thos Bolem* deceased lately kept Tavern in *George*-Town, being well accustom'd, and provided with all Conveniencies, is to be lett. Inquire of the said Executrix or Executor

JOHN FURNIS Sail-maker gives Notice, that he keeps the same Loft on Mr *Wm Elliot's* Wharf, where Mr. *Wm. Dixie* deceased liv'd, he followeth the same Trade, and any Master of Vessel or other Person, may be served by him with good Work and very reasonable.

South-Carolina, July Prime 1737.

WHEREAS at the request of several of the Inhabitants of this Province, as well as Strangers, I Landgrave *Thomas Smith* have laid out a Township on a Bluff of my *Winyaw* Barony, containing 690 half Acre Lotts, fronting *Winyaw*-River, it being about 6 Miles from *George Town*, nearer the River's Mouth, the River before the Town is about a Mile and half wide, and generally fresh Water, wherein 500 Sail of Vessels may ride before the said Town, it being about a Mile front on the River, and contains on the Bay front 30 Lotts, 100 Feet front and 200 & odd Feet deep, every 2 Lotts deep is a cross Street, there runs from High-water Mark 11 Streets through the Heart of the Town, and 12 Cross Streets, the broad Streets from the front in the Center of the Town is 100 Feet wide and the rest 60 ditto And whereas several Persons are desirous to rent or purchase 50 Acre Lotts 2 or 3 Miles from the back of the said Town for Country Seats, be it known that I the said *Thomas Smith* will rent for 10 or 12 Years, each 50 Acre Tracts for 5 l. *per* Year *Proclamation Money*, or to sell that Quantity for 40 l. in the same specie, to the Quantity of 150 Acre Tracts, and I the said *Thomas Smith* propose to give *gratis* for the Use of the said Town, 100 Acres for a Common of Wood-Land on the back of the Town, and the Timber that grows on that 100 Acres the Inhabitants of the Town are welcome to make use of it *gratis* for building, I will also give to any Church of England Minister that may settle and preach there, 2 Lotts about the Center of the Town for a Dwelling-house, Church and burial Place, and the same to any Presbiterian Minister, as also to any Baptists, and in case any Body of our Friends called Quakers that comes to settle on the said Town with their Teachers, the same Donation which shall be employ'd by all them and their Successors for ever, besides 10 Acres for each, about 3 Miles from the said Town, and if such a School-Master as I and my Heirs shall approve of him, and his Successors shall have a Town-Lott and 10 Acres to him also, as Witness my Hand the Day and Year before written.

Thomas Smith.

N B. I shall sell each half Acre Lott clear of all Charges for 40 *s. Proclamation Money*, or 10 l this Currency. I have also Right of 2,60 Acres of Land to dispose of, together or in small Parcels. And will sell or Rent 2000 Acres of Land on *Black*-River, joining on Mr. *Commander's*, great part of which is good Rice Swamp, that the Spring Tide flowns on, some Corn Land and a Quantity of it good Lightwood Land never work on. Also 6000 Acres on *Charlestown* Neck, some of it [illegible] 10 and some 20 or 30 Miles from the said Town, Rice, Corn and Lightwood Land never work'd on. At my [illegible] Plantation is a Quantity of red Oak Hogshead and Barrel Staves to be sold.